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Reference: FCC Docket Nos 96-45, 98-171, 90-571, 92-237, 99-200, 95-116, 98-170 and NSD File No. L-00-72.

Dear FCC:

Not only am I tired of paying extra taxes, each increase brings me closer to not being able to afford any service at all. So when persons like myself have to cancel their service, what good is the service when no one can afford to use it? My land phone local service is \$34.95 but by the time taxes and fees are added, the bill is at least \$56.00. That figure is irregardless of whether I use the phone or not and does not include any long distant charges for which there again are extra charges and fees. This is already excessive for people with kids on a budget!

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please provide a written response indicating the status/resolution of this matter.

Very truly yours,

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CC: FCC Subcommittee Members